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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Pierre E. Elisca	3621

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's response, filed on 08/25/2004.
2. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Kocher et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,640,305).

As per claims 1, 3-6 and 8-15 Kocher discloses a population of tamper-resistant cryptographic enforcement devices that is portioned into groups, comprising the steps of:

Identifying content to be downloaded (see., col 10, lines 66 and 67, col 11, lines 1-26, specifically wherein said the REM includes an identifier of the content);

Partitioning the content into at least two sections wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration which is less than a threshold duration value assigned by the screening algorithm (see., col 25, lines 20-35, specifically wherein said content providers can limit the maximum duration of such use by making rights keys expire periodically, col 22, lines 48-67); and

Subjecting the portioned content to the screening algorithm (see., abstract, col 2, lines 30-44, col 10, lines 66 and 67, col 11, lines 1-26). It is inherent to recognize that the maximum duration can also includes a range of .1 second to 1.5 seconds.

As per claim 2, Kocker discloses the claimed method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein the screening algorithm is a secure digital music initiative screening algorithm (see., abstract, col 3, lines 36-52).

As per claim 7, Kocker discloses the claimed method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein a duration of each of the at least two sections is in the range of about 0.1 second to about 1.5 seconds (see., col 25, lines 20-35, specifically wherein said content providers can limit the maximum duration of such use by making rights keys expire periodically, col 22, lines 48-67, It is inherent to recognize that the maximum duration can also includes a range of .1 second to 1.5 seconds).

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 08/25/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

REMARKS

6. Applicant argues that the prior art of record Kocher was filed on 6 september 2001, after the date of invention by the application, and thus is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e). However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion since the Kocher's reference has a continuation application filed on 02 september 1999.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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